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Standards for Barley, Request for Public Comment

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Grain Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 810

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AGENCY: Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS).

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In compliance with requirements for periodic review of existing regulations, the Federal Grain Inspection Service proposes studying and evaluating the U.S. Standards for Barley to determine their effectiveness and responsiveness to current marketing needs. Views and comments are solicited from interested parties to help in the study and evaluation of the standards for barley and in the development of any recommendations for change.

DATE: Comments must be submitted by November 12, 1980.

ADDRESS: Comments should be submitted in writing, in duplicate, to Director, Issuance and Coordination Staff, Federal Grain Inspection Service, USDA, Room 1127, Auditor's Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250. Comments received will be made available for public inspection at the above address during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James L. Driscoll, Director, Standardization Division, FGIS, USDA, Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Building 221, Grandview, Missouri 64030. Telephone (816) 348-2861.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Standards for wheat, corn, barley, oats, rye, sorghum, flaxseed, soybeans, triticale, and mixed grain (7 CFR Part 810) have been established under the authority of the United States Grain Standards Act, (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*). To comply with Executive Order 12044 and Departmental policy that no regulation exists for more than 5 years without review or repromulgation, the Federal Grain Inspection Service proposes to review the standards for barley (7 CFR 810.201 through 810.211 inclusive) during 1980–1981.

Items to be considered in this review include the continued need for the standards, improvement thereof, the need to clarify or simplify language, the possible incorporation of factors that are better indicators of end-use properties, and the degree to which technology and economic conditions have changed the effectiveness of the barley standards.

Although all aspects of the barley standards will be examined, particular attention will be focused on the malting designation and mold damage specifications. Accurate identification of malting varieties in conjunction with differing marketing trends has demonstrated a need to evaluate the malting barley designation. Interpretation and classification of mold damaged kernels according to the present standards will be reviewed to evaluate if this factor determination meets the needs of the industry.

It is the intent of FGIS, in keeping with recommendations by Congress and industry advisory committees, to propose revision of standards to more accurately reflect end-use properties utilizing objective inspection procedures whenever possible.

(Secs. 5, 18, Pub. L. 94–582, 90 Stat. 2869, 2884 (7 U.S.C. 76, 87(e)))

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Administrator.

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